

# Pro and Amateur Notables Honor Hagen at Detroit

Walter Hagen Day, put on by the Michigan PGA and Michigan amateurs at Red Run GC (Detroit dist.) Sept. 17, drew a capacity crowd of 175 for golf and 275 for dinner in honoring the pros' Great Emancipator. Walter put up a gold trophy for annual competition. The cup is a handsome affair big enough to take a shower in. The first winner of the cup's custody was Chuck Kocsis, with 67. The Michigan PGA presented Walter with a diamond-studded clip for folding money and Red Run members gave him a pistol.

Walter arrived at his party bright and early for him at about 5 P.M. and enjoyed every second of the fiesta which ran through dinner with W. W. Edgar as fluent ringmaster of 24 eloquent speakers. Frank Sprogell, Frank Walsh, Al Watrous, Horton Smith and other Michigan PGA members engineered the party. Among visitors who came from out of the state to pay tribute to the Haig were Gene Sarazen, Joe Kirkwood, Bob Harlow, Billy Burke, Harry Radix and Tom McMahon. A bale of wires were received from, among others, Bobby Jones, Chick Evans, Ed Dudley, Si Newton, Eddie Guest, Billy Sixty, Francis Ouimet, Bill Danforth, Harry Bassler, Bill Frawley, Artie Lynch, Glenn Morris, Joe Graffis, Ezra Craft, Spike Briggs, Grantland Rice and Gov. Kim Sigler.

Bob Harlow, Hagen's manager in putting pro exhibition and tournament golf in the big money class, reviewed high spots of the Haig's career and punctured a legend



The "Haig" enjoys "wise crack" of Walter, Jr., following dinner given in his honor.

by testifying that when Hagen was playing his top golf he was very moderate in drinking and smoking. Bob also commented on the Hagen manners in treating all on a high plane of democratic cordiality.

The Michigan PGA has been trying to get the national PGA to sponsor a nationwide Hagen Day as a demonstration of pro-amateur genial relations. The success of the party at Detroit shows that the Michigan pros' idea is one that the national body should endorse to the sections.



Manufacturers representatives were on hand for "Hagen Day" too. (Left to right): W. L. Robb, Ed Rankin, Mark Cox, Joe Dagoon, Hagen, Sarazen, Roy Thibert, Sam Byrd and Ed Reutinger.



Michigan pros look on as the "Haig" gets a "close-up" of one of Joe Kirkwood's trick clubs. Left to right: Chick Rutan, Lochmoor CC, Detroit; Sam Byrd, Plum Hollow; Frank Sprugel, Blyfield, Grand Rapids; Hagen; Kirkwood; Horton Smith, Detroit GC; and Frank Walsh of Red Run.

Horton Smith at the Hagen Day banquet brought out that the pros have established the Augusta Masters' tournament honoring the great amateur Bobby Jones as a top event on the year's golf calendar. Smith noted his colleagues so far have muffed completely staging an event of national interest honoring one of their own who blazed the trail in making pro golf big business, who revolutionized pro-amateur relations and who made U. S. pro golf the game's highest standard of play.

Among interesting prospects that may develop from the Hagen Day party is a tour by Walter and his son teamed with Joe Kirkwood and Joe, Jr. Young Hagen qualified for the National Amateur this year and has done well in infrequent tournament play. Young Kirkwood also has turned in excellent performances as a playing pro. Joe, Jr. also has appeared as Joe Palooka in a movie and did so well he's been engaged for other pictures.

The Haig hasn't been playing much golf for several years and is out of condition but Kirkwood, Sr. maintains Walter could go into training for a couple of months and regain form that would bring out big galleries for the swell show that Walter put on when he was setting a new par for pro golf.

#### Charlotte, N.C. Chapter, Club Managers Assn. of America Organized

"The phase of Club Management is so complex that no manager is so well informed he can't learn from his fellow managers through the exchange of ideas and methods of coping with the many details of efficient club management," Eric G. Koch, president of the Club Managers Assn. of America, told an enthusiastic

meeting of the newly organized Piedmont chapter in Charlotte, N.C., Sept. 15.

"Managers all over the country are realizing more and more the value of our organization," Koch told the gathering. "I know that every manager will go home from the meeting held here to his home club with a greater knowledge and a broadened viewpoint."

Some 20 managers of clubs located in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were present at the first meeting. Some members had to travel 250 miles to attend.

Elected to serve as officers during the first year are: Corwin W. Gelwick, manager of Myers Park Club, Charlotte 7, N.C., president; Mrs. Dorothy McFarland, manager of Ewerywood CC., High Point, N.C., vice-president, and Clyde Roberts, Greenville Country Club, Greenville, S.C., secretary-treasurer.

It was the general feeling that not only the managers themselves would benefit by the formation of the new chapter of the national organization, but also, even to a larger degree, the clubs themselves.

Koch, who flew from New York and back for the Monday pow-wow of the Piedmont chapter, spoke enthusiastically of the progress being made by his organization of which he has been the head for the past two years.

"The boys down south really went out 100 per cent in their Southern hospitality," declared Koch. "Charlotte is a charming town and it was most gratifying to be welcomed by Herbert Baxter, Charlotte mayor, who took time out to welcome the out-of-town managers at a luncheon at the Myers Park Country Club."

Koch said that similar additional chapters are in the process of formation in other sections of the country.